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Re: Deficient Small Mine Notice, Permit Fee Due, Martinique Mining Company, Milla' Martinique Project, S/017/046, Garfield County, Utah

Dear Mr. Rakow:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations submitted by Martinique Mining Company for the Milla' Martinique Mine. The notice was received by the Division on May 10, 1999. The proposed small mining project is located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T31S, R11E, Garfield County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-75962.

The information in the small mine notice for the Milla' Martinique mine is complete; however, **payment of the appropriate permit fee is required before this notice can be considered to be in effect under the Division regulations and prior to creating surface disturbances.** The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(i)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Martinique Mining will need to pay the \$100.00 fee to the Division in order for this notice to be considered in effect. A check made out to the "Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining" for the appropriate amount is preferred.

We have enclosed a copy of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" as described in the Division small mine notice form. If the operator cannot comply with all these variances, a variance request will have to be submitted and approved by the Division. A variance request is not required for those practices which apply to features which are nonexistent at the mine site. For example, a variance to the requirement of permanently sealing shafts or tunnels is not required if the mine operation does not include shafts or tunnels.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. We will forward a copy of this letter, along with a billing statement to Martinique Mining in the interest of time.

We suggest the operator give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices." Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning mining operations will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the mine site. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches

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of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

If Mr. Wilson wishes to expand his operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, he is advised to notify our office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. Mr. Wilson is advised to contact their office prior to starting his small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and his notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases/school sections administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or United States Forest Service (USFS).

Please provide us with copies of future correspondence regarding this project. Please reference our file number S/017/046 regarding this site. Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Do not hesitate to call me at (801) 538- if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Kim Wilson, Martinique Mining w/bill
Kiran Bhayani, DEQ w/notice
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